



Acadia Paw Press

Season's Greetings!

Summer found the education staff out in the field helping families and other park visitors explore and enjoy Acadia. Programs included geology climbs to Bubble Rock, habitat hikes at Sieur de Monts, animal signs and tracking, forest discoveries, boat cruises, evening campground programs, and the new marine life program at Sand Beach. These fun, interactive family programs are designed for specific age groups. We also have junior and senior ranger programs for all ages. If you have never been on one of our summer programs, consider this an official invitation. We would love to see you and your family during the summer months as well as the school year. Fall ranger programs are posted online at <http://www.nps.gov/acad/ranger.htm>.

This summer I was fortunate to participate in a collaborative science learning initiative through COA called "From Cell to System." Workshops focused on intertidal/marine ecology and social history/natural history/ecology of islands. It was a great combination of content and camaraderie! Currently I am taking an online course entitled "Strategic School-

Based Planning in the National Park Service." I hope the ideas and discussions will result in even stronger and more successful educational programming for Acadia.

Donna Healy led groups on our Islesford Cruise in July and August, improving her sea legs for the Island Life program. She is busy preparing a PowerPoint presentation about the intertidal zone for the Northern Maine Children's Water Festival in October.

Marc Neidig has been working closely with the staff at the Abbe

Museum on a traveling educational kit for 5th – 8th grade students. The kit explores Passamaquoddy culture and history and will be piloted in classrooms this fall. Marc also developed the logistics and activities for Acadia's new summer night hike and bike tour.

Kate Petrie was the lead coordinator for an innovative new Sand Beach program this summer called "Beyond the Beach." Kate is now at our Schoodic site, anticipating a growing number of participants in the Schoodic Education Adventure (SEA).

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National Park Service Websites

www.nps.gov/acad

The official website of Acadia National Park. Includes information on park resources, trip planning, and more.

www.nps.gov/eeweb/enved.htm

The home of Acadia National Park's education program. Offers links to teacher, parent, and student resources; the park's Junior Ranger program; on-line activities for kids; and more.

www.nps.gov/learn

Serves all teachers and learners with national park curriculum-based learning tools, teaching resources, on-line activities, and Junior Ranger programs.

www.efieldtrips.org

Includes interactive virtual national park visits, trip journal worksheets, "ask an expert" service, and live web chats.



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Acadia National park encompasses over 47,000 acres of granite-domed mountains, woodlands, lakes and ponds, and ocean shoreline, creating striking scenery and diverse habitats. This diverse environment combines with a rich cultural history to create unparalleled scientific, educational, and recreational opportunities in a spectacular setting.

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The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Greetings, continued

The SEA residential program welcomes back **Lisa Girardin** for a second season as the assistant director. Lisa spent this past school year working at an outdoor education center in the Florida Keys before putting on her park ranger uniform and heading up to Maine for another summer in Acadia's interpretation division.

We are very glad to see volunteers **Bob and Lynn Hendon** from Arkansas here for another fall at Schoodic. Last year Bob revised the Tuzigoot materials that we used this spring in the classrooms. Lynn's non-stop energy is put to good use in many aspects of the SEA operation.

New to SEA are interns **Krysta Post** from Wisconsin and **Ann Pellegrini** from New York. Krysta is an archeology student with artistic talent. Ann majored in biology and is an avid birder. We are also welcoming two interns

to the MDI education staff this fall. **Brandon Lyle** worked in the park over the summer as a Student Conservation Association intern, assisting with public programs and working at the visitor center. Brandon is a recent college graduate from Pennsylvania with a degree in history. Also from PA, **Joel Blanco** is a senior at Penn State, studying interpretation in their Parks and Recreation Department. Joel has held several summer camp positions and this year taught rock climbing.

If we can help you in planning your class trip to Acadia National Park, please contact our office at the numbers listed on this page. Have an exciting school year!

Cynthia Ocel
Education Coordinator

What's New?

Starting with this issue, the Paw Press is now available **online**. Please visit www.nps.gov/acad/eeweb/teacher.htm for a PDF version of this newsletter. If you would prefer to receive an e-mail notification that the newsletter is available online in lieu of a hard copy, please notify our office.

Don't forget to have parents fill out the park's **image release form** when you come to a program. Please collect the forms from your students and have them ready when you arrive. We appreciate your help in updating our image files so we can spread the word about Acadia's educational offerings.

Acadia National Park - Program Reservation Form

Teacher Name(s) _____

School _____

School Phone # _____ # of Students _____

E-mail Address _____ (required for electronic newsletter)

Please return by Tuesday, September 7
 Fax to 288-8831 or mail to Education Office
 Acadia National Park
 P.O. Box 177
 Bar Harbor, ME 04609

****Please make a separate copy of this form for each program you request!****

Please check one

	Third Grade - Carriage Road Explorers (WALK) Park provides <i>Exploring the Carriage Roads</i> booklets. <i>Available dates: September 13 - October 31</i>	Time: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
	Third Grade - Carriage Road Explorers (BY CARRIAGE) Park provides <i>Exploring the Carriage Roads</i> booklets. Charge: \$9 per student <i>Available dates: September 13, 17, 20, 22, 30 and October 1</i>	Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
	Fourth Grade - Animals of Acadia <i>Available dates: September 13 - October 31</i>	Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	Fifth Grade - Island Life Charge: \$8 per passenger (limited to 37 passengers) Do you need financial assistance? Yes___ No___ If you answered yes, our office will contact you for details. <i>Available dates: September 13 - October 15</i>	Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	Sixth - Eighth Grades - Fire and Ice Please circle the grade level participating: 6 7 8 <i>Available dates: September 13 - October 31</i>	Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
First Choice Date		
Second Choice Date		
Third Choice Date		

Note: Please let us know if you have any conflicts with the scheduled program times.

What pre-visit activities will you be doing with your students? Do you need a copy of the *Geology of Mount Desert Island* (Fire & Ice only) or the program educator's guide?

Note below any special requests or needs, including accessibility or medical issues.

A confirmation letter will be mailed within one week of processing your program request. If there is a conflict with dates, you will be contacted by phone.

Office Use Only:	Confirmation sent:	Program date:
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Acadia National Park - 2004 Fall Programs



THIRD GRADE

Carriage Road Explorers

Who built Acadia's historic carriage road system? Why were these stone roads and bridges built and how? Why and how does the National Park Service preserve them? Travel by horse-drawn carriage or on foot as you hear about the people who played a part in developing this unique park resource. The park will provide classroom copies of *Exploring the Carriage Roads*.

Walk: Free. Available September 13 - October 31.

Ride: \$9 per student, cash or check made payable to Wildwood Stables. Please no more than one adult per ten students. Available September 13, 17, 20, 22, 30, and October 1.



FOURTH GRADE

Animals of Acadia

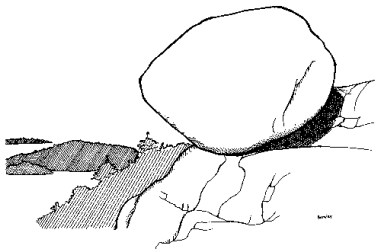
"Food, water, shelter, space. Habitat is a wonderful place." Explore two very different habitats at Acadia National Park. Discover how the state-endangered peregrine falcon and the widespread beaver have adapted to survive in the wild. Available September 13 - October 31.



FIFTH GRADE

Island Life

Embark on a sea voyage aboard the *Island Queen* out of Southwest Harbor to the Islesford Historical Museum on Little Cranberry Island. Along the way we will find out how early explorers navigated the waters. At the museum, students will learn about island residents and their lives during the early part of our country's history. Cost: \$8 per person. Financial assistance is available if needed. Maximum number of passengers is 37, including adults. Available September 13 - October 15.



SIXTH - EIGHTH GRADE

Fire and Ice

While hiking around Great Head, we will read the landscape and share the story of Acadia's geologic past. See evidence of the local rock cycle, glacial features, and plate tectonics. This program works best as a review of basic geologic terms and processes studied in the classroom. **Warning:** The hiking trail is considered fairly strenuous! Available September 13 - October 31.

Reservation deadline is September 7!



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Acadia National Park Image Release Form

I do ____ / do not ____ give permission for any photos or videos taken of my child or any artwork made by my child during educational programs at Acadia National Park to be used for public relations by the National Park Service.

Child's Name: _____

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Relation to Child: _____

Child's School: _____

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Acadia National Park - Hawkwatch 2004

Come join us on Cadillac Mountain for a free ranger-led raptor program. This exciting program will cover topics such as hawk migration, conservation, and identification, as well as the purpose of Hawkwatch at Acadia National Park. Although each day is different, there is a good chance of seeing migratory hawks, falcons, and eagles. After the talk, your group may join our rangers and volunteers at the Hawkwatch site for further viewing.



This program is designed for third through sixth grade students. Programs can start any time between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Due to the terrain, we are only able to accommodate groups of up to 30 students. The interactive talk will last 30-40 minutes. All groups will be provided pre-visit materials and activities.

This program is available Monday through Friday, September 13 to October 12. If the weather on the day of your visit is not suitable for outdoor activities, alternate arrangements—including choosing a different date or an indoor program—can be made. For further information, please contact Lora Haller at 288-8810 or lora_haller@nps.gov.

Reminder: The Cadillac Mountain Summit is 1530 feet high and exposed. The weather may be cold and windy; please dress accordingly. Although binoculars are not required, they may be useful.

Please indicate your preferred date and two alternatives on the form below and return to:

Lora Haller, Division of Interpretation
Acadia National Park
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Bar Harbor, ME 04609
Fax: 207-288-8813

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Acadia National Park - Hawkwatch 2004

Teacher's Name:	First Choice Date:
School:	Second Choice Date:
Address:	Third Choice Date:
City/State/Zip:	Arrival Time/Departure Time:
Number of Students:	Grade:
Phone #/Best Time to Call:	E-mail address:

Please mail this form to Lora Haller, Division of Interpretation, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, ME 04609.

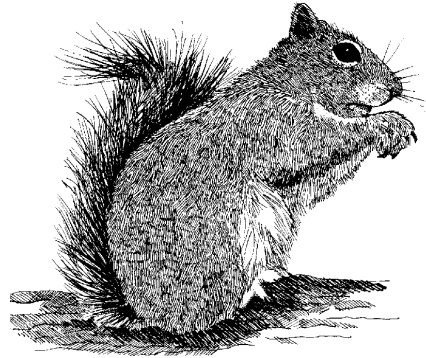
Forest Ecology K-8th Grade Teacher Workshop

Saturday, October 2, 9-11:30 a.m.

Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor

Join us as we explore Acadia and look in detail at the interactions of the living and non-living components of the forest. During this two-mile guided walk, you will learn to identify common plants and animals and discover their niches and unique natural history. The information covered during the workshop will align with the ecology section of the Maine State Learning Results.

Contact hours are available. Space is limited. *Registration deadline is September 23.* To register, please contact Marc Neidig, workshop facilitator, at the Education Office at 288-8824.



The Story of Saint Croix Island

The 1604 French settlement in “L’Acadie” is compellingly portrayed in a new teaching resource. Developed by the National Park Service and designed for grades 5-7, the traveling kit includes a bilingual teacher’s guide, maps, books, video, CD, historical reproductions, and more, for a total of 30 items. The materials can be used in teaching social studies, French, language arts, Maine and Native American studies, as well as other subjects.

We have one kit available for loan—first come, first served! Call 288-8822 or 288-8824 for more information or to reserve this high-quality educational kit for your classroom.

Upcoming Workshops and Conferences

Saturday, October 2

Forest Ecology K-8th Grade Teacher Workshop

Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

See article above for more information.

Tuesday, October 12

Northern Maine Children’s Water Festival

University of Maine, Orono
Join water resource professionals from Maine and New England for presentations and hands-on

activities about water, wetlands, human health, and aquatic life. Teach your students about the value of healthy water and clean habitats and receive materials and lessons for your own classes. For 5th and 6th grade students and teachers. *Sponsored by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and numerous partners.* For more information, visit <http://www.state.me.us/dep/blwq/docteacher/cwf/index.htm> or contact Maine DEP – Presque Isle at 207-764-0477.

Friday, October 15 to Sunday, October 17

New England Environmental Education Alliance Conference

Middlebury College, Ripton, VT
Join fellow educators for the 38th annual NEEEA conference, Opening Doors: Collaboration Strengthens Our Voice to Build Sustainable Communities. *Co-hosted by Vermont SWEEP (State-Wide Environmental Education Programs) and Middlebury College.* For more information, visit www.vermontsweep.org.

Volunteer in the Park!

Paula Mrozicki, a third-grade teacher at Surry Elementary, has volunteered for Acadia's Education District for the last two summers, working at both the MDI and Schoodic locations.

Paula has given homestead tours and demonstrations at the Carroll Homestead open houses in Southwest Harbor. These special events attracted over 100 people each day. This year she also helped lead a new animal program for families with children ages seven and younger and assisted with the Beyond the Beach program.

At Schoodic, Paula helped with general set-up of the Schoodic Education Adventure (SEA) program and painting a giant floor map of Downeast Maine used to teach GPS/GIS and the coordinate system.

Paula's great people skills, master teaching techniques, and creative ideas have greatly benefited the park and those who visit Acadia. Thanks so much Paula!

If you are interested in volunteering your time during the year, please give our office a call at 288-8822.



Volunteer Paula Mrozicki working with children. Photo ©Karl Decker.

"It is our task in our time and in our generation to hand down undiminished to those who come after us, as was handed down by those who went before, the natural wealth and beauty which is ours."

- John F. Kennedy, President



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